

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-23 are pending in this application. Claims 4, 10-17, and 22 are currently withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 7, 9, 19, and 20 are amended, and claim 6 is canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. No new matter is added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Chow at the interview held February 23, 2007, are greatly appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

Applicant's also appreciate that the Office Action indicates that claims 7-9 contain allowable subject matter. However, for at least the reasons discussed below, Applicant respectfully asserts that all of the claims contain allowable subject matter.

Allowable claims 7 and 9 are amended into independent form including all of the features of base claim 6.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-2, 3, 5, 18-21, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Sekiya (U.S. Patent No. 6,583,775); and rejects claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Hiroshi (JP 2003-216100). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Specifically, Applicant asserts that Sekiya and Hiroshi, either individually or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest an electro-optical device including at least a control element that repeatedly switches supply of the driving current from the drive element on and off for a period after the scanning line corresponding to the pixel to which data is written is selected until a next time this scanning line is selected, as recited in independent claims 1, 2, 19, and 20.

Sekiya, in Fig. 5, merely discloses an equivalent circuit diagram of an image display apparatus including a third thin film transistor TFT3 that is inserted between a ground potential and a second thin film transistor TFT2 so that a current to flow to the light emitting element OLED can be turned on/off by control of the gate potential to the third thin film transistor TFT3. Sekiya, however, fails to disclose an electro-optical device including at least a control element that repeatedly switches supply of the driving current from the drive element on and off, as recited in claims 1, 2, 19, and 20.

Hiroshi also fails to disclose the above feature recited in claims 1, 2, 19, and 20, and therefore, fails to make-up for the deficiency of Sekiya.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that Sekiya and Hiroshi, either individually or in combination, fail to disclose all of the features of independent claims 1, 2, 19, and 20.

In accordance with the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 2, 19, and 20 define patentable subject matter. Claims 3-5, 18, and 21-23 depend from claims 1, 2, and 20, respectively, and therefore, also define patentable subject matter, as well as for the additional features they recite. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections.

Furthermore, Applicant earnestly solicits that the Examiner rejoin claim 4 and 22, which depend from claims 2 and 20, respectively, and rejoin the remainder of withdrawn claims 10-17.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-5 and 7-23 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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